How the Dowager Ruler Holds Her Own by Sheer Force of Character-Her Advance From the Humble Blue-Bordered Banner Clan to the Clan of Imperial Yellow.

FRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC. Her Imperial Majesty is of the Manchu family Yehonala, of the Blue Bordered

Blanner Clan. Her father was a small military official, fought in the early part of the Taiping rebellion and died in the Western Province of Szechuan. The family were in most moderate circumstances. Her Majesty was born in Pekin in 1836,

being the second of four daughters. Since the beginning of the Manchu dynasty it has been the custom at stated periods for the proper court officials to select all Manchu maidens between the ares of 12 and 18 who are of sufficient rank to be eligible for the imperial

The greater number are soon eliminated until naught but a select few of great beauty and attractiveness remain. These fortunates are passed in review the Emperor, who indicates the ones

most pleasing to his eyes. By such a process of elimination and imperial selection Tse Hsi at the age of 16 became a concubine of Emperor Halenfenc-passing from the quietude and narrowners of a small Manchu family into the intrigue and abandonment of one of the most corrupt courts the world has

The Empress of Helen-feng was childless, and when on April 26, 1854, the concubine Tse list gave birth to a son great re the imperial rejoicings.

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Ministers of State and proclaimed him Emperor, the successor of Hsien-feng, with the name of Kuang Hsu. The mother of this newly proclaimed Emperor was the youngest sister of the Empress Lowager Tse Hsi, Prince Kung bitterly felt the blow to the legitimate right of succession in his own immediate family and was for some years out of family and was for some years out of office, but eventually returned to his ac-tive position and was a loyal servant to the Empress Dowager until his death in

It was but a short time after the pro-claiming of Kuang Hsu Emperor that the great Vicercy Li Hung Chang became the confidant and adviser of the Empress Dowager. The seventh Prince was in some way substituted for Prince King, but as he was the father of the Emperor he could take no outward share in the government, and as he also was not a man of affairs some practical statesman was needed to stand between the resency and the outer world. This position of con-fidence was faithfully occupied by the great Vicercy for more than twenty-five years.

OFFICIAL EDICT

ISSUED IN 1888. Under date of November 8, 1888, we have the imperial edict stating that "as the Emperor has now arrived at manhood it is fitting that a person of high character should be selected to be his consort, etc. The choice having fallen upon Yehonala, the daughter of the Duke Kuel Hsiang, a malden of virtuous character and dignified demeanor, we command that she be appointed Empless."

It was as commanded, and the ceremonles which followed were the most gorgeour and extravagant ever seen in modern time. At this time Kuang Hsu was is years of age and Yehonala was 24. The great interest in this young Empress.

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push her own interests, had become an Emperor, the adoptive mother of an Emperor, the adoptive mother and aunt of his successor and has because an Empress, almost owing to her heauty, energians personality she even at any first in all essentials and raised indiament by never anthe limpress Tsi An, who felt makers and timbility of charland contempt, and while loathers the formation of a party declar clique with which he limber of she was not always at peace, but for the formation of a party declar clique with which he limber of the formation of a party declar of the imperial family and the formation of the formation of a party declar of the imperial family and the formation of the formation of a party declar of the formation of a party decla

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"Hundred Thousand Man" Who Will Dig the Panama Canal Once Worked for Iowa Farmer for 50 Cents a Day. .

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A. J. Campbell, a retired farmer, now residing here with his daughter, Mrs. W. N. Brown, was Shorts's employer. For many years Mr. Campbell operated a large stock farm near Centerville, In., and it was when he was engaged in that business that the future canal builder, who not cover the Council of Eight | was then in his youth, worked for him. emulate definite plans of action | It was Shont's first job, and he filled it is to say that he filled it well.

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Organization, Which Is Now Twenty-Seven Years Old, Has Paid Out \$27,000 in Benefits-President Peter Herzog Discusses the Work and Appeals to All Teachers-Movement to Build a Monument in Honor of Mrs. Rose Fanning.

The association was incorporated February 6. 1878, and its aim and object is to paride assistance to its members during filners or to incapacitated teachers. The organizers were: Louis Soldan, Peter Herzog, Mrs. Rose Fanning, Mrs. L. H. Miller, George Murphy and Francis Cook. The membership of the association now

The Teachers' Mutual Aid Association of St. Louis is the only organization of its kind in the United States.

| St. Louis is the only organization of its purpose of aiding the unfertunate teachers, and if the teachers will not aid one another little can be expected of the public.

The School Board only allows half pay

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"The School Board only allows half pay for five weeks on account of sickness. Often the teachers are ill much longer, and it is in such instances that the association does good work. They care for the members for twenty weeks, and then if they are still not able to assume their positions, the association draws upon the "emergency fund."

"Lefore the Teachers' Annuity was organized the Teachers' Mutual Ald Association took care of the incapacitated teachers to the best of their ability. It was to cover such cases that the "emergency fund" was originally established. There were teachers who had become too old to teach, were without funds or friends, and but for the thoughtfuiness of Rose Fanning in suggesting the "emergency fund" they would have been very distasteful to them. They were people of culture and refinement.

ROSE PANNING'S WORK.

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to the very best of his ability, and that to the very best of his ability, and that to the very best of his ability, and that to the very best of his ability, and that to the very best of his ability, and that to the very best of his ability, and that confidence and loyal support of all.

FORMER EMPLOYER'S STORY.

The association pays to its sick or incapacitated members \$\mathbb{E}\$ a week, twenty his early boyhood, said Mr. Campbell, weeks, and \$\mathbb{E}\$0 at the time of their death provident from the time of its incorporation.

Comes Island Employe Who Rescued NEW CALIFORNIA MINERAL Three Men Owns Yacht for a Few Minutes-He Spurne Cash Offer.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, May E .- Fred Carlson of No. 38 Twentieth street, Brooklyn, has convocated by F. Herbert Snew of Boston in With some difficulty he rescued three men cluded that it does not pay to be a here. gineers' Club. The process, githough used the rescaled once repented of their genevosity, and, demanding the enaft, returned precipitated trouble, and the rollor
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momentary delusion.

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MAY BE OF GREAT VALUE.

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Phosphate Rock, Believed to Worth so Much as Low-Grade Gold Ore, is Found Near Escondido.

San Francisco, May 27.-A mineral dis-

California as a native product until now. See North Carolina, South Carolina and Floriday have offered the principal, if not the only, native supply or mineral fertilizers for the United States.

Among the mineral industrial regions of the country Florida alone has made a show by its production of phosphate rock and the reduction of the fertilizers for commercial use. It has brought out phosphate rock and nebble phosphate quite largely. Some of the rock has returned as high as 13 to 15 per cent in phesphoric acid, which sells for about 8.80 a ton. This is equivalent in value to what is accounted to be very good gold-hearing rock. The supposition is entertained that the rurface indications of phosphoric rock in San Diego County imply deposits of large size. State Mineralogist Automy has given directions that the semples that have been cent to the State Mining Eureau shall be directions that the samples that have been sent to the State Mining Eureau shall be treated at once. Mr. Preston is making the examinations for the State Mining Eureau hat will determine the value of the rock

SAYS SHE'S NO CENTENARIAN. Mrs. Ann Murray States That She

Is Old, but Not 168. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, May 27.-Over at No. 167 Wyckeff street, Brooklyn, Mrs. Ann Murray, with a gleam in her eye and a storm cloud on her brow, was preparing to camp on the train of the spalpeen who had the audacity to write her up to the public prints as being 168 years old. According to the story to which Mrs. Murray objects, from a disabled pacht off Concy Island, covery has been made in San Diego Coun- she would soon have been 108 years old, and was rewarded with the gift of the ty that may be worth millions to Call- and it was told what a remarkably bright boat, but when their cictling had dried fornia. Phosphate rock has been picked and spry women she was for one born in for many years, was thought to be a the rescued ones repented of their gen- up as float near Escendido and samples 1766. A fleck of curious folk consequently

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months. It was picked up in the bay op-

posite Ulmer Park and identified by his

brother James in the Brooklyn morgue.

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Howard was drowned while playing on a raft attached to the sea wail at the foot of Eurhty-sixth street, and the East River early in March. His playmates made no attempt to rescue him when he slipped from the raft and seemed to remard his struggles in the water as a joke until it was too late.

It was also said that two pollemen in full uniform were standing by the saw wall at the time the hoy fell into the water,

DIVED 20 FEET TO SAVE MINE.

Flooding of a Colliery Averted by

Young Man's Feat.

Altoona Pa., May 5.—To prevent the Madeira Hill Coal Company's mine from

being flooded, Arthur Horn, a young man

of Barnsboro, dived twenty feet to the bottom of the shaft and closed a valve attached to the mine pump. As the resuit of his feat the pump immediately began foreing water and the mine was soon cleared. Eight attempts had been made to accomplish the feat before suc-

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.